ABSTRACT

OF THE

FORM OF PRAYER,

TO BE USED

In all Churches & Chapels throughout England,

On FRIDAY the 28th Day of February, 1794,

Being the Day appointed for a

GENERAL FAST,

BEFORE ALMIGHTY GOD,

And imploring his Bleſſing and Aſſiſtance on the Arms of his Majeſty by Sea and Land, and for reſtoring and perpetuating Peace, Safety, and Proſperity to Himſelf, and to His Kingdom.

BY HIS MAJESTY's SPECIAL COMMAND.

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FORM OF PRAYER, &c.

¶ *The ſervice ſhall be the ſame with the uſual Office for Holy-days, except where it is in this Office otherwiſe appointed.*

¶ *The Minister ſhall read with a loud voice theſe Sentences of Scripture; and after them the Exhortation,* Dearly beloved Brethren, &c.

IN my trouble I will call upon the Lord, and complain unto my God. So ſhall he hear my voice out of his holy temple; my complaint ſhall come before him.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveneſſes, though we have rebelled againſt him: neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he ſet before us.

¶ *Inſtead of the Venite. this Hymn ſhall be uſed.*

UNTO Thee, O Lord will I lift up my Soul; my God I have put my truſt in Thee: O let me not be confounded, neither let mine Enemies triumph over me.

Wherefore ſhould the Heathen ſay, where is now their God?

The Lord is King, be the Earth never ſo unquiet; the Lord is great in Sion, and high above all People.

I ſhall find trouble and heavineſs, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.

Unto

Unto Thee lift I up mine eyes, O Thou that dwelleſt in the Heavens.

The waves of the ſea are mighty, and rage horribly; but the Lord, who dwelleth on high is mightier.

In the multitude of ſorrows that I had in my heart, thy comforts have refreſhed my ſoul.

The Lord is my refuge, and my God is the ſtrength of my confidence.

Thou, O Lord God, art full of compaſſion and mercy, long ſuffering, plenteous in goodneſs and truth.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth, O knit my heart unto Thee, that I may fear thy name.

Behold, O God our Defender, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

Bleſſed is the man, whoſe ſtrength is in Thee, in whoſe heart are thy ways.

Lo! thine enemies make a murmuring, and they that hate thee have lift up their heads.

Make their faces aſhamed, O Lord, that they may ſeek thy name.

The Lord ſhall give ſtrength unto his people, the Lord ſhall give his people the bleſſing of Peace.

Help us, O God of our ſalvation, for the glory of thy name; O deliver us and be merciful unto our ſins for thy name's ſake.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghoſt:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever ſhall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Proper Pſalms,* XLVI, *and* XCIV *beginning at the* 4*th Verſe,*

Firſt Leſſon, II *Chronicles* XX. *to v.* 24

¶ *After*

¶ *After the firſt Leſſon, ſhall follow* Te Deum laudamus, *in Engliſh.*

Sceond Leſſon, St. Matthew III. *to v.* 11.

¶ *Then* Benedictus, *the* Creed, *&c. to the End, of the Lord's Prayer.*

¶ *Then the Prieſt ſtanding up, ſhall ſay,*

Prieſt. O Lord, ſhew thy mercy upon us!
Anſw. And grant us thy ſalvation. &c.

¶ *This* Collect *to be uſed inſtead of the Firſt Collect for* Morning Prayer.

O LORD God of our Salvation, who alone ruleſt over the Deſigns and Counſels of Men, and determineſt their iſſues by thy Almighty Wiſdom and Power, we moſt humbly approach thee this day, with prayer and Supplication, in behalf of ourſelves, and of all who profeſs ſincere Faith in Thee our God, and in Jeſus Chriſt our Saviour.

Look down, from Heaven, O Lord, we beſeech Thee, and protect us againſt the declared Enemies to all Chriſtian Kings, Princes, and States, the impious and avowed blaſphemers of thy holy name and word, who, in the very center of Chriſtendom, threaten deſtruction to Chriſtianity, and deſolation to every country where they can erect their bloody ſtandard.

Bleſs, we beſeech thee thy faithful ſervant our gracious ſovereign. Guard him againſt ſecret conſpiracy and open violence; proſper his anxious cares for the welfare of his people; let nothing obſtruct his wiſe and ſalutary counſels for the preſervation of theſe kingdoms: But grant him all the comforts of having truſted in thee, that he may rejoice in thy ſtrength, and be exceeding glad, in thy ſalvation.

Thou haſt been our merciful God from generation to generation. Our Fathers truſted in Thee, and were holpen

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holpen. And we are devoutly ſenſible that all our efforts will be ineffectual unleſs thou, O God, from whom cometh our help, and from whom alone it can come, goeſt forth with our Fleets and Armies. Our conſels, our hands, and our hearts, are under thy Almighty direction. Direct them, O Lord, to ſuch exertions, as may manifeſt us to be under thy guidance: Convince our adverſaries, that thine arm ſtretched out can defeat the moſt daring deſigns againſt our Peace; and that thoſe, who lift up their banners againſt Thee, ſhall be humbled under thy Almighty hand.

Hear us, O God, the God of our Salvation. Save thy people that truſteth in thee, for the ſake of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then ſhall follow the* Second *and* Third Collects *at* Morning Prayer: *And the Litany.*

¶ *Then the People ſhall ſay this that followeth, after the* Miniſter.

TURN thou us O good Lord, and ſo ſhall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, be favourable to thy people, who turn to thee in weeping, faſting, and praying. For thou art a merciful God, full of compaſſion, long-ſuffering, and of great pity. Thou ſpareſt when we deſerve puniſhment, and in thy wrath thinkeſt upon mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord, ſpare them, and let not thine heritage be brought to confuſion. Hear us, O Lord for thy mercy is great, and after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us, through the merits and mediation of thy bleſſed Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

¶ *After the Prayer,* [Turn thou us, O good Lord] *the following ſhall be added.*

O LORD our heavenly Father, we acknowledge, with penitent hearts. Thine infinite goodneſs, in encouraging

couraging us to apply to Thee for ſuccour, and to Thy holy Word for comfort. We have been ſignally bleſſed in the unmoleſted enjoyment of true Religion, and the Poſſeſſion of abundant temporal Proſperity. But we have ungratefully forſaken Thee, the Fountain of all true happineſs, and ſought for it in our own vain and ſinful imaginations. Thou haſt taught us by Thy Judgments to feel and to lament this prevailing Sinfulneſs. Reſtore us, O Lord, in this time of Viſitation, to a dutiful Senſe of Thee, and of ourſelves. Cleanſe, we beſeech Thee, our Souls by the influence of thy Holy Spirit. Do away our Offences, O moſt merciful God, and blot out the Remembrance of our Iniquities. O let the light of Thy countenance ſhine upon us this day — Warm and invigorate our drowſy Wills and Affections; ſtrengthen and confirm our Reſolutions of Amendment. Grant us Grace to put away all Ungodlineſs and ſinful Luſts, and ſo to hold faſt the Profeſſion of our Faith in purity of heart and mind, that Thy Judgments may be withdrawn from us, and we may become diſtinguiſhed Objects of thy Mercy, through the Merits of Jeſus Chriſt, our Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

¶ *In the time of War and Tumults.*

O Almighty God, King of all kings, and Governor of all things, whoſe power no creature is able to reſiſt, to whom it belongeth juſtly to puniſh Sinners, and to be merciful to them that truly repent; Save and deliver us, we humbly beſeech Thee, from the hands of our enemies; abate their pride, aſſwage their malice, and confound their devices; that we being armed with thy defence, may be preſerved evermore from all perils, to glorify Thee, who art the only giver of all victory, through the merits of thy only Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

¶ *After the Prayer, in time of War and Tumults.*

WE humbly beſeech Thee, moſt merciful God, after the great bleſſings we have this day implored at thy

thy hands, to grant us thy Grace to preſerve a conſtant ſenſe of thy preſence, and of our dependence upon Thee. Suffer us not to return to our former ſinfulneſs and diſobedience, nor again to yield to thoſe evil paſſions and deſires which have brought down thy Judgments upon us: But ſave us, O God, from ourſelves, as well as from our Enemies, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord:— Amen.

¶ *Then read to the End of Morning Prayer as uſual.*

The Communion Service.

¶ *After the Prayer for the King* [Almighty God, whoſe Kingdom is everlaſting] *ſhall be read the Collect of the Day, as in the* Morning Prayer, [O Lord God of our Salvation,] *and then ſhall follow*

The Epiſtle. 2 Peter *Chap.* II. *to Ver.* 12.

BUT there were falſe Prophets alſo among the people, even as there ſhall be falſe teachers among you; who privily ſhall bring in damnable hereſies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themſelves ſwift deſtruction. And many ſhall follow their pernicious ways; by reaſon of whom the way of truth ſhall be evil ſpoken of. And through covetouſneſs ſhall they with feigned words make merchandiſe of you: whoſe judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation ſlumbereth not. For if God ſpared not the angels that ſinned, but caſt them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkneſs, to be reſerved unto judgment; and ſpared not the old world, but ſaved Noah the eighth perſon, a preacher of righteouſneſs, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into aſhes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an enſample

enſample unto thoſe that after ſhould live ungodly; and and delivered juſt Lot, vexed with the filthy converſation of the wicked: (for that righteous man dwelling among them, in ſeeing and hearing vexed his righteous ſoul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reſerve the unjuſt unto the day of judgment to be puniſhed: but chiefly them that walk after the fleſh in the luſt of uncleanneſs, and deſpiſe government. Preſumptuous are they, elf-willed, they are not afraid to ſpeak evil of dignities. Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accuſation againſt them before the Lord.

The Goſpel. St. Luke Chap. XIII. Ver. 1 to 6.

THERE were preſent at that ſeaſon ſome that told him of the Galileans, whoſe blood Pilate had mingled with their ſacrifices. And Jeſus anſwering, ſaid unto them, Suppoſe ye that theſe Galileans were ſinners above all the Galileans, becauſe they ſuffered theſe things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye ſhall all likewiſe periſh. Or thoſe eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and ſlew them, think ye that they were ſinners above all men that dwelt in Jeruſalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye ſhall all likewiſe periſh.

¶ Then ſhall follow the Nicene Creed: and after that the Sermon.

¶ Then the Prieſt (or Biſhop, if he be preſent) ſhall let them depart with this Bleſſing.

THE peace of God, which paſſeth all underſtanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord: and the bleſſing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghoſt, be amongſt you and remain with you always. Amen.